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## IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin Buis - Chair, Erwin Wiens - Vice Chair, Michael Kauzlaric, Kurt Neumann, Rob Enns, George Lepp, Aaron Oppenlander

Staff Present: Brandon Enns - Irrigation & Drainage Superintendent, Cheryl Lootsma, Administrative Assistant – Operations.

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Buis, Chair at 2:04 p.m.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Kevin Buis requested to add CIB update from Vice Chair Erwin Wiens.

Moved by Mike Kauzlaric that the agenda be adopted as amended.

### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None were declared.

### 4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by Aaron Oppenlander that the May 15, 2024, minutes be received.

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

Vice Chair Erwin Wiens provided a summary of the last Regional Irrigation Meeting which included an update on the CIB application. Funding is in place for the Engineering Report and assessment. Under the Truth and Reconciliation Act, a 45-day consultation by the Ministry of Agriculture is currently underway. Once input is received from the Indigenous community, an RFP will be sent out.

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

## **8. BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Pump Status Update**

Staff provided an update on the pumps:

- Carlton working - only source of water
- Eastchester and Dee Road powered down
- Four Mile Creek to North of Line 5, there is a large blockage in the creek. Staff are currently seeking quotations from four companies to unblock.
- The Committee requests to know who is responsible for funding this work.

### **8.2 Letter to Permit Holders**

The Committee discussed the letter and provided comments.

The Committee approves the letter to be delivered to permit holders.

The letter will be delivered via mail with the intention to update email addresses so that future notices can be delivered electronically.

### **8.3 Permit to Take Water - Update**

Staff provided an update:

Staff met with the MECP and they are firm on one of the conditions of renewal in that a comprehensive hydrological study is required to proceed.

Staff contacted GEI Consultants to inquire whether they are equipped to complete such a report.

Their quote was \$32,000 to complete the report and estimated time for completion is three to five months.

The Committee requests that this item be brought forward to the next meeting for further discussion and if possible, have Darren MacKenzie attend.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

## **10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, July, 10, 2024, @ 2:00 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:29 p.m.